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First I offer my relevant credentials. My wife and I are retired residents of South Carolina, owners of 400 shares of Microsoft and users of Microsoft products in our home computer and previously in our careers.

I am very grateful for the productivity gains Microsoft has given all sectors of our economy through the products it has made available to the consumers at what I believe have been reasonable prices. Microsoft was also a leader in providing products and systems that are both compatible and integrated for ease of use by the consumer.

On the other hand, Microsoft was overzealous in pursuing market position in the past and the public has a right to expect some adjustment in Microsoft's behavior.

I believe the settlement agreed to by nine states is fair and sufficient to control Microsoft's business directions in the coming years. I encourage the Justice Department to use its influence and power to bring the other nine states into agreement with the settlement as well.

Thank you for your attention to my views.

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